Rockefeller Commission and Tramp Pictures and Medical Evidence HM 5/9/75

Jon Newhall, Zodiac, told me todat that he had learned from a subscriber that there has been an exhaustive re-exploration and re-photographing of Dealet Plaza for the past week in an FBI addressing of the "tramp" pictures for the Rockefeller Commission.

Gordon Shanklin, bureau cheif at the time of the JFK assassination, has been working with one Olson of the Rockefeller Commission on this

This amount of work on a dead issues strikes me as what I d feared, preparation for an elaborate overkill that is not part of the Rock. Com.'s mandate. It is a job for Ford, who is headed for real trouble on the assassination, and for the FBI, which messed up the whole "investigation," as well as for Belin, whose reputation hangs on this, and in this way is of added interest to the Rock. Com. becayse belin runs it.

Jon has been in touch with Wecht, who told him that he, Wecht, has the NAA (only) aad is having tests made, meaning, I usppose, interpretations.

Wecht also testified for 4-5 hours before this commission. He was afraid that whichever way he elected would be wrong. (My response was that this was only because he had twisted the functions of orifices at opposites ends of one canal.)

Wecht's account is the Olson's questioning was biased, almost vindictive.

Robert Groden phoned me from Detroit earlier, minutes before he was to appear ~~with~~ on the Gordon show, with Spitz against him. The questions he had were how to handle Spitz. I suggested among other things would he stake his reputation on the impossibility of anything other than a neural reaction causing the JFK violent backward motion. Then how come none earlier with JFK and so much later with JBC, from the same official story.

Also to ask him how a partial and nagle "re-investigation" of one part of the JFK assassination is within the Rock. Com.'s mandate, which is only to investigate the FBI.

Does his examination of whatever autopsy material he looked at completely rule out either the use of different ammo or a front shot and will he also stake his professional reputation on this?

Plus a few other things.

Robert had urged them to invite me. They asked him to get my willingness. He gave it but they did not tell him until he got there that they had decided against it"now" but might invite me in the "future."

There appears to have been local and wire-service coverage of the new Dallas whitewashing. Jon was aware of some.